

REMARKS

Prior to issuance, Applicant proposes to amend claims 1, 4, 8 and 18 to clarify the recited claim language and the changes introduced by the Examiner's Amendment made in the Notice of Allowance mailed September 21, 2007. This Amendment is being submitted prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for discussing this Amendment in the telephone interview on December 18, 2007. Based on an oral presentation of the proposed claim changes by Applicant's representative, the Examiner stated the proposed changes do not appear raise any issues and that this Amendment After Allowance would be considered.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claim changes presented herein do not affect the scope of the claims, nor otherwise raise issues that would require further examination or search. Entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 is proper, and it is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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